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SJC stands up for Gary

Brian Bultema
Managing Editor

Walk down Connecticut Avenue in Gary's Glen Park neighborhood and the scars of September's flood still remain painfully obvious. Backyards are filled with water, the smell of sewer sludge hangs in the air and debris sits near the street.

Four weeks after rains dumped over 10 inches of water in the area, this neighborhood, which sits just south of the Little Calumet River, remains crippled from damages sustained during the flood. Most residents living four blocks south of 33rd Avenue and in between Broadway and Georgia Street were hit hard. Many are still deciding what belongings to salvage, none have had their homes inspected to see if they are livable and many are wondering where all the help other Northwest Indiana towns have received went.

"You know we expect this since this is Gary, but this is ridiculous," LaShawna Barnes, a Glen Park resident, said.

Barnes said unlike many other towns in the Region, no members of the National Guard came knocking door-to-door to see if there were any emergencies, no

FEMA workers have come to inform residents of aid centers and no city or county inspectors have come to tell them if their homes are livable or not.

"All I've heard about are the food stamps available on Ridge," Barnes said.

Barnes, who has a one-month-old baby, said she is nervous her home's condition is not healthy, but she has not had anyone inform her otherwise, not even the United Way in Portage, which has been conducting many of the home inspections in the Region.

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Mary Cistrunk of the 3500 block of Tyler St. in Gary tells volunteer PUC students about living at the residence for 30 years and never experiencing flooding.

"Without dramatic changes in the ways Americans generate and use energy, American workers and industry will be at a competitive disadvantage in a rapidly growing world."
Richard G. Lugar, U.S. Senator

Chronicle photo by Nathyn D. Gibson

George Kontol Jr. from Northwest Geothermal Inc. discusses his wind power solutions with U.S. Senator Richard Lugar on Tuesday at the Lugar-Visclosky Energy Forum.

It's the energy, stupid

Lugar, Visclosky call for energy innovation

Brian Bultema
Managing Editor

U.S. Sen. Richard Lugar denounced "America's voracious appetite for energy" at The Center Tuesday and called for dramatic changes to energy usage in the U.S. to better compete in the global economy. He said reducing the U.S.'s dependence on foreign oil must be the first priority, and harnessing wind and solar power, stepping up ethanol production and developing bio-fuels will be the "game changing" policies to help the U.S. achieve energy independence.

Lugar was the keynote speaker at the Lugar-Visclosky Energy Forum, which featured a panel discussion on overcoming dependence on fossil fuels and an expo for businesses and universities to showcase their breakthroughs in alternative energy.

Lugar gave the next president a difficult task in his opening address.

"To succeed, the president must be more than thoughtful and attentive to energy concerns," Lugar said. "The president must be relentless. He must be willing to have his administration judged according to its success or failure on this issue."

The six-term senator said lack of energy innovation in the U.S. is lamentable but still gave reasons for optimism. Lugar said the creativity of businesses and higher education in Indiana will lead the nation in finding alternatives to fossil fuels.

Chronicle photo by Brian Bultema

IUPUI revealed a 100-mile-per-gallon Toyota Prius at the expo.

"I am confident that in Indiana, we can bring together people across industry, academia, civil society and government to find solutions to help propel our state toward a more secure energy future," he said in his closing remarks.

Indiana 1st District Rep. Pete Visclosky, who heads the House Appropriations Energy and Water Development Subcommittee, emphasized in his speech the long-term economic benefits of alternative energy.

"It's a critical national security issue," he said.

Visclosky said only a dime per dollar in U.S. taxes for alternative energy is actually being used for energy research. Visclosky emphasized energy solutions that focus on increasing heating and cooling efficiency for buildings instead of those just focusing on attaining more miles-per-gallon for vehicles.

The panel discussion featured three regional energy experts to discuss alternatives to oil and the opportunity Indiana has at developing new energy sources. Andrew Hsu, the director for the Richard G. Lugar Center for Renewable Energy, discussed the importance of his areas of specialization – fuel cell technology for automobiles and renewable hydrogen generation.

Hsu presented five challenges defining the current situation: an increasing demand in nearly every region, petro-dictatorships that garner greater power, climate change, energy poverty for developing countries and biodiversity loss. He issued a statement to the au-

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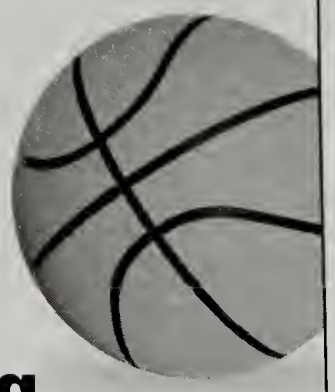


Start of PUC basketball season nearing

Women's team opens Halloween night

A busy and full off-season has Purdue Calumet's women's and men's basketball teams amped for the Oct. 31 and Nov. 1 home openers of their respective 2008-09 campaigns. Both squads offer a blend of returning starters and promising newcomers who have the coaching staffs eager for the seasons to begin.

Returning Peregrines for the women include point guard Meme Harris (Merrillville), who finished as the team's second leading scorer last season (12.2 points per game), and was named All-Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference (CCAC) honorable mention as a freshman. Among other returnees is sophomore Jenny Britton (Lake Central), last season's third leading scorer (11.8 ppg) until an early season knee injury curtailed her play.

In their opener, the women host the University of Saint Francis, Ill. on Halloween at 7 p.m. All fans are encouraged to wear costumes and participate in a halftime contest; prizes will be awarded.

Men start Nov. 1 in Salvation Army benefit

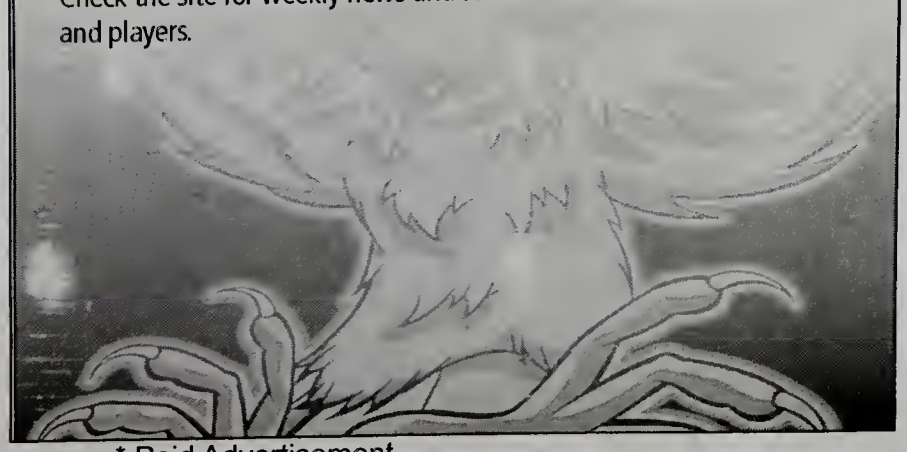
The men have three returning starters who were also all-conference honorable mention selections last season. Senior center Kevin Thomas (Highland) averaged 11.3 ppg and 4.7 rebounds per game as a junior; and guards Justin Latimore (Indianapolis North Central) and Michael Patton (West Side) contributed 8.9 ppg / 4.6 rpg, and 6.8 ppg / 5.5 rpg, respectively, as freshmen.

One newcomer to the Peregrines fold is coach Dan Voudrie, who begins his first season as head coach after 14 seasons as an assistant. Most recently, he spent six years at former PUC Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference Division I rival Olivet Nazarene University.

The men begin their season Saturday, Nov. 1, at 3 p.m. vs. Mount Mercy of Iowa in the second game of the 10th annual Kettle Classic to benefit the Salvation Army. Calumet College of St. Joseph plays Indiana University Northwest in the opener at 1 p.m. The Kettle Classic is the annual kick-off to the Salvation Army's holiday money collection and donations season.

Continuing a trend introduced last season, home games this season will feature promotional events, prize give-aways and a closet full of entertainment acts, including dance troupes, bands and singers. Be sure to check your email account for game and promotional announcements, and check the campus kiosks and bulletin boards for fliers with Peregrine information.

The athletic department also has polished and updated information on its web site at the following link, **http://webs.calumet.purdue.edu/hrs/**. Check the site for weekly news and feature stories about our teams and players.



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What's Going On?

A Look Around...

Fine Arts Student Association

The Fine Arts Student Association is calling all painters, writers, photographers, musicians and graphic artists to join their organization. All PUC students, aspiring artists and alumni are welcome to take advantage of the free membership.

Clothing Drive for Flood Victims

Those interested in assisting flood victims may do so by dropping off supplies at the McNair Office in SUL, Student Support Services in SUL or the SUL-Concourse until Nov. 1.

Therapy Available for Flood Victims

PUC's Couple and Family Therapy Center is offering individual, couple and family therapy to victims of the Northwest Indiana floods.

Therapy is free of charge and appointments can be made by contacting the CFC at (219) 989-2027.

Active Minds

The student organization Active Minds is looking for new members this semester. The organization's goal is to increase awareness of mental health issues and symptoms of mental illness and serve as a liaison between students and the mental health community.

Interested students may contact Active Minds by sending an email to counsel@calumet.purdue.edu.

Backpacks to Briefcases

The Office of Career Services is hosting the fourth Backpacks to Briefcases workshop on Oct. 14 from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. in SUL 305. The workshop is titled "The Art of Mixing and Mingling" and will discuss the benefits of networking during a job search.

Assistant Vice Chancellor Richard Riddering will lead the seminar. For more information, contact the Office of Career Services at 989-2600.

Inspired Leaders Series

The Inspired Leaders Series is sponsoring their third seminar this semester on Oct. 16 from 5 p.m. to 6:20 p.m. in SUL 321. Brian Gensel, the prosecutor for Porter County, will speak on "Ethical Leadership and Followership." All students are welcome to attend free of charge.

Domestic Violence Week

Student Activities and the PUC Counseling Center are sponsoring Domestic Violence Week this week from Oct. 13 to Oct. 16. The event is meant to raise awareness of the large role domestic violence still plays in our culture. There will be various activities throughout the week in SUL, including a student organization donation collection for St. Jude House, Haven House and Caring Place on Oct. 14 and speakers from these homes at 12 p.m. in Calumet Falls on Oct. 15.

A full list of the events is available in the SUL Concourse, and those wanting more information are welcome to contact Student Activities at 989-2369.

Writing Center Interactive Workshop

The Writing Center is presenting Microsoft Word 101, an interactive workshop on how to use Microsoft Word 2007 to format an academic paper. PUC students and community members may attend on any of the following dates: Wednesday, October 15 at 5 p.m.; Saturday, October 18 at 10 a.m.; Monday, October 20 at 6:30 p.m.; or Tuesday, October 28 at 5 p.m. in the Writing Center computer lab – CLO 263. Each free session will last approximately 90 minutes.

For more information, or to RSVP for a session, call the Writing Center at 989-2200.

Submitting Briefs

Anyone interested in publicizing events, organizations, clubs or departments in "What's Going On?" must submit briefs the Monday before publication. The Chronicle does not guarantee placement of briefs submitted.

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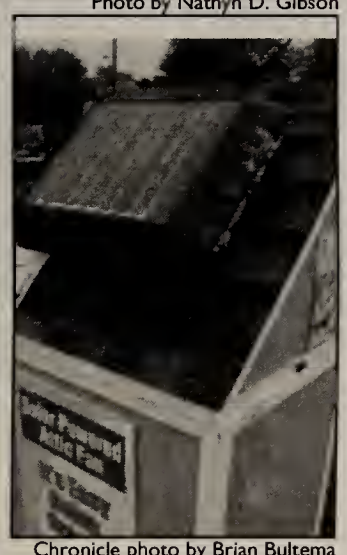

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Panelists John DeCicco, Nathan Mosier and Andrew Hsu listen to the moderator during a discussion about oil alternatives (lower left). Robert Kramer, director of the PUC Energy Efficiency and Reliability Center, stands next to his vacuum tube solar collector (above). A solar attic fan meant to keep homes cool is displayed by IUPUI (lower right).

Energy

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dience – the nation with the greatest energy efficiency will eventually become the most powerful nation.

Dozens of businesses, nonprofits and universities turned out to unveil every new alternative energy breakthrough from ethanol production to new fuel cell technologies in the expo portion of the event.

IUPUI displayed a 100-mile-per-gallon Toyota Prius plug-in hybrid using a lithium battery for extra output.

Amanda O'Neill, assistant to the director of the Lugar center, said the key to the future of plug-in hybrids are lithium batteries often lasting up to seven years.

U.S. Energy Facts

U.S. Petroleum Consumption
20,680,000 barrels per day

U.S. Gasoline Consumption
9,286,000 barrels per day

Dependence on Petroleum Imports
58.2 percent

U.S. Petroleum Exports
1,433,000 per day

U.S. Oil Consumption for Transportation
70 percent

source: eia

PUC professor Robert Kramer, who leads the Energy Efficiency and Reliability Center, presented a vacuum tube solar collector thermal energy source that produces hydrogen from the sun and from methane. The collector can be used to provide electricity, building heat or to kill the bacteria in drinking water.

He said his vacuum tube innovation is 70 percent efficient compared to many solar panels' five percent efficiency.

"The cost is only $1,000," Kramer said. "And it could easily pay a consumer back the sum after three or four years."

SJC

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The Social Justice Club at PUC is now taking note of the plight of many Glen Park residents and is volunteering in the neighborhood each Saturday morning. Some members are moving debris from inside homes and others are learning how to conduct home inspections with the help of the United Way.

SJC member Jeremiah Viddle, a sophomore majoring in pre-nursing, heads up the volunteering effort in Gary. He said United Way shipped hundreds of volunteers in Northwest Indiana, but none went to Gary. Viddle said the United Way is partially to blame since flood relief centers were set up in Munster and Portage, and no volunteers have been deployed to some of the hardest hit areas.

"It shows that racism is doing well in American society," Viddle said. "It's the same thing for the last 20 to 25 years. Gary just keeps getting screwed."

Portage United Way President Sharon Kish said the lack of progress in Gary is simply due to a shortage of volunteers.

"We send out crews as soon as we get them," she said. "We will get to everyone as soon as we can."

Kish said the United Way has many volunteers wanting to assess homes and a lack of volunteers who want to do the actual work. But she said the United Way will not take requests by volunteers of which neighborhoods they would like to clean up and which ones to avoid.

A FEMA representative, who did not want to be named, said centers are an equal opportunity place, and residents merely need to call or go online to obtain assistance. She said it is not FEMA's policy in this situation to go door-to-door to inform flood victims of their locations.

SJC will continue to help Gary flood victims each Saturday at 8 a.m. and will leave from the front of the SUL Building.

CTIS Connection

Information Technology Services at Purdue University Calumet

Automating Your Inbox

It's been a common issue since the advent of the internet, e-mail storage space. Whether it's spam, pictures, class assignments, or just sheer volume clogging up your inbox, we've got some tips to help you manage your messy messages. Last week we went over some basic mailbox management tips. Today we're covering automation.

Using Rules and Alerts

Rules and Alerts can be used to manage all sorts of common e-mails. They can be used to weed out spam, sort mail, and even prioritize your inbox. To set up a new rule:

- Go to **Tools > Rules and Alerts**
- Click on **New Rule...**
- Follow the steps in the wizard

Set up Auto Archiving

Auto Archiving is the quickest way to keep things from piling up in your inbox by moving old messages to your archive folders automatically.

- Go to **Tools > Options**
- Click on the **Other** tab
- Click on **Auto Archive**
- Check the box next to **Run Auto Archive every**
- Adjust the settings to fit your e-mailing habits.

Empty Deleted Items on Exit

Emptying deleted items on exit can stop you from forgetting about them.

- Go to **Tools > Options**
- Click on the **Other** tab
- Check the box next to **Empty Deleted Items Folder upon exiting**

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What is your opinion of e-courses?

Delan Seaife
Freshman
Marketing

"It's kinda easy if all the teachers participate."

"I've never [had a e-course, but] I believe it would probably be harder."

Amber Throne
Junior
Biology

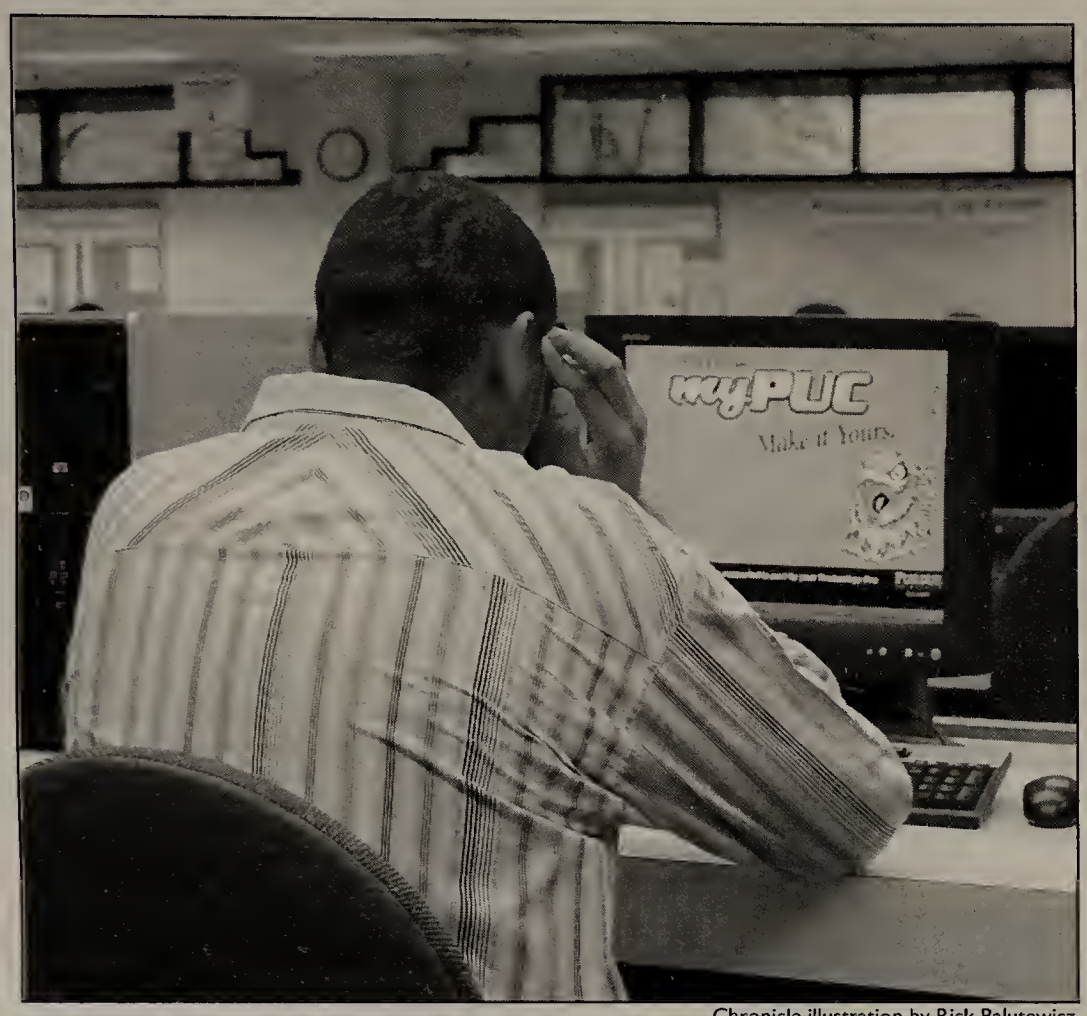
Francesca Cooley
Sophomore
Psychology

"I think it's better because you don't have to go to school to do it and [I believe] it's easier."

E-courses cause student concerns

Some students face no choice in taking e-courses

Steven VanderVelde
Chronicle Correspondent



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Many students struggle with e-courses for reasons including unreliable technology, heavy workloads and inconsistency across all available e-courses.

Julie Cash, a sophomore in the Organizational Leadership and Supervision program, discovered she would lack a choice between an online class and a traditional class in some courses during her PUC education. Her advisor said at some point she would have to take online classes for some of her OLS courses.

"Referring to OLS, some classes are only offered online," Tyanna McCann, an advisor for the school of technology, said. "It assists students who want the degree but have a busy life and really can't attend a regular class due to work or other circumstances."

But Cash and many other students expressed frustration at being forced to take e-courses at a university that is becoming more traditional in other ways.

Cash said mandatory e-courses makes students who aren't necessarily savvy in technology struggle in their academics.

"I've met honors students who were failing their online courses," Cash said. "Mostly, this is because the workload is much heavier, the professor doesn't have a clear calendar of events for the students to follow, and there were just too many technical and communicational issues to overcome. I mean, how can you take a human relations course online? It doesn't make sense."

McCann believes distance learning is effective and just as good as traditional classes.

"E-courses are extremely interactive, you can actually hear the professor's voice in some cases...overall, they are very cut and dry," McCann said. "But some students can't work in this style. They don't treat them like regular courses and don't log on often enough."

One of the biggest complaints students have about e-courses is how the professors seem ill-prepared to teach an online course.

Kevin Horn, a senior majoring in history, recently dropped out of an online literature course due to such circumstances.

"This was the first online course I ever took and I really wasn't used to how e-courses work," Horn said. "The calendar in my class would be blank for days, and then suddenly a whole week's worth of work would pop up after the week was already half gone."

Cash conducted a random, open-ended survey of students in regard to what they thought about e-courses. She found out of the 41 e-course users she surveyed at PUC, 30 percent disliked online courses for various reasons, 35 percent did like them and 35 percent were undecided.

"That's not a very positive proportion in favor of mandatory e-courses," Cash said.

She also found 70 percent of the people she interviewed were unaware they may be forced to take an online course depending on their major.

Your candidates, your issues

This week's issue: Economy

Senator Barack Obama

- **End Tax Breaks for Companies that Send Jobs Overseas:** Barack Obama and Joe Biden believe that companies should not get billions of dollars in tax deductions for moving their operations overseas. Obama and Biden will also fight to ensure that public contracts are awarded to companies that are committed to American workers.
- **Provide a Tax Cut for Working Families:** Obama and Biden will restore fairness to the tax code and provide 150 million workers the tax relief they need. Obama and Biden will create a new "Making Work Pay" tax credit of up to $500 per person, or $1,000 per working family. The "Making Work Pay" tax credit will completely eliminate income taxes for 10 million Americans.
- **Amend the North American Free Trade Agreement:** Obama and Biden believe that NAFTA and its potential were oversold to the American people. They will work with the leaders of Canada and Mexico to fix NAFTA so that it works for American workers.

Senator John McCain

- **John McCain believes that globalization is an opportunity for American workers today and in the future.** 95 percent of the world's customers lie outside our borders and we need to be at the table when the rules for access to those markets are written. To do so, the U.S. should engage in multilateral, regional and bilateral efforts to reduce barriers to trade, level the global playing field.
- **A one-year spending pause.** Freeze non-defense, non-veterans discretionary spending for a year and use those savings for deficit reduction. A one-year pause in the growth of discretionary spending will be imposed to allow for a comprehensive review of all spending programs. After the completion of a comprehensive review of all programs, projects and activities of the federal government, we will propose a plan to modernize and reprioritize.

Sources: barackobama.com, johnmccain.com

Panel says U.S. economy dismal

Jennifer Gonsiorowski
Chronicle Correspondent

Faculty members from academic institutions in Northwest Indiana gathered last Friday in Alumni Hall for a panel discussion on the current financial and credit crises with concerned citizens.

Faculty members gave brief presentations ranging from the history of the recent crisis, to the bailout plan, to what exactly is wrong with our financial system. The faculty members all agreed upon the situation being a complex one, and that the U.S. faces serious trouble due to the current crisis.

"This is simply a business cycle and it's headed in a downturn," Terry Ferrari, faculty member at Calumet College St. Joseph, said. "The severity of the downturn is surprising, not that the economy is headed into a downturn."

Obi pointed out what he believes to be key factors in the crisis. Subprime mortgage lending, the inappropriate use of creative mortgage products, falling home values, incompetent management and deregulation. Much of the panel agreed these factors have created the mortgage crisis which led to the credit crisis. The problem isn't the stock market; it's the freezing of credit, Obi said. Lenders need to start loaning again.

"When the market is high, people are deemed geniuses," said Anthony Sindone, Purdue North Central faculty member and real estate investor. "When the market is low, fingers start to point. This problem started from the bottom up. Appraisers appraised property at high inflated prices. Confidence snapped and a credit crunch bloomed. Lenders have the money to lend out but are reluctant to do so because of the possibility of no return."

Northwest Indiana hasn't felt effects from the crisis yet, but could.

It's a possibility the crisis could affect students who take out loans for college. Down the line this could influence students and their ability to get a loan. Though interest rates are regulated, they could increase, Sindone said.

When asked if this situation worried her, Alicia Bellamy, a freshman majoring in psychology, said, "I'm a full-time student and I work full-time, student loans are already an issue to pay back. If the rates were to jump any higher, my education plans would have to be adjusted."

In terms of the bailout plan, some of the members simply said no, it wouldn't work. Others who chose to be optimistic said if used properly, the bail-out could possibly work. In the end, the panel members agreed this is a learning experience just as other financial situations and laws to fix them have been in the past. Markets rise and fall. It will rise again; people just have to be patient.

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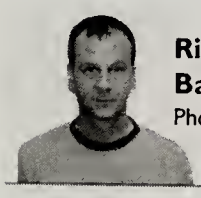
A salute to true heroes: Professors



Rick Balutewicz
Photo Editor

Some may find a hero or heroine in a sports player or team. Some may find a hero or heroine in a politician. Still others may find one in a spiritual leader.

Wherever we find heroes, it is a sure bet they will occasionally let us down.

Let's take the Cubs for example. When they lose, fans find themselves disappointed, but most true fans stay loyal. Sometimes we show our disgust when they let us down, but nonetheless when it comes down to it, we still hold them in the highest esteem.

But one hero has the greatest impact for students. It is someone most of us encounter everyday and one that has some of the most influence on our lives.

It is the professor.

Yes, some students look up to their professors. Not only do they inspire us in the subject they teach, but they also inspire us when we see their dedication, willingness to help and even the lending of a kind ear to those in need.

A professor's kindness makes us feel valued and accepted and we hold them in the highest esteem. Sometimes their actions show they also admire us for our hard work, good study habits and classroom etiquette. When a student is admired by a professor he or she admires, it is one of the greatest feelings a person can feel.

However, when our hero or heroine lets us down it has a stronger impact than when our favorite sports team flubs. Not only does it cause disillusionment, but it can also wreak havoc on a student's self-esteem and feelings of acceptance.

Few professors realize how it makes a student feel when they fail to find a few minutes to meet and lend a kind ear.

They fail to realize the affect on students when they withdraw moral support. Most students need all the support they can get when it comes to the stress of school and it means a lot when professors are encouraging.

When life seems too busy to talk to a student, a few minutes of time really does mean a lot to many students.

Yes, some of us do admire your hard work, and a little of your kindness goes a long way in the stressful world of a student.

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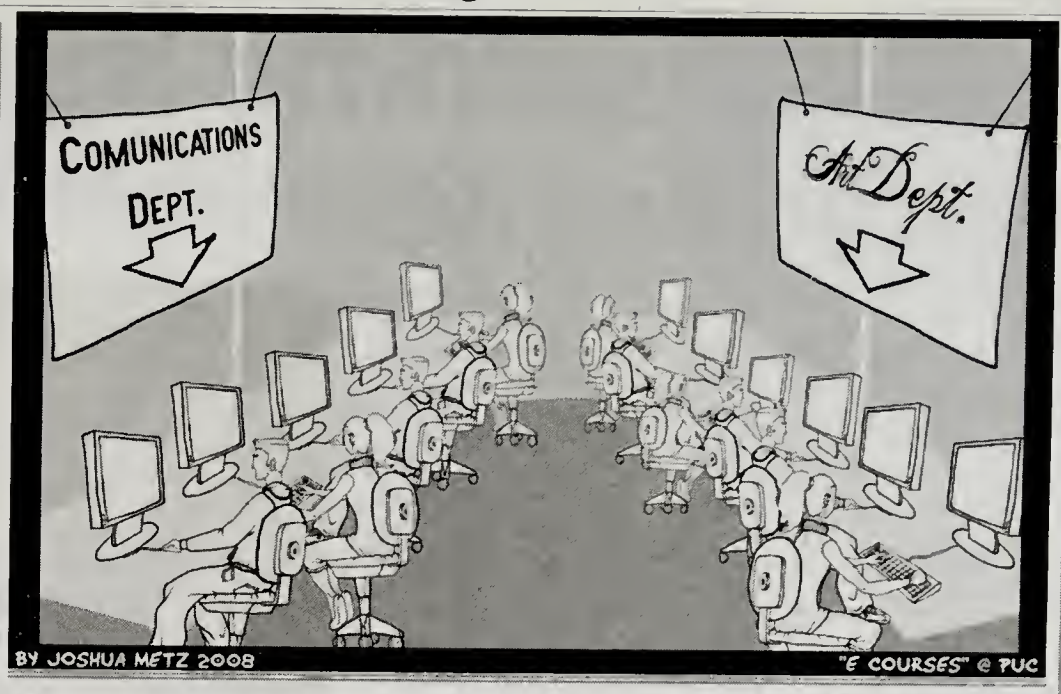

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What's the future of PUC academics?

The issue: Requiring e-courses in certain majors

Our opinion: E-courses should always be optional and a standard of consistency must be set.

There are a lot of benefits to e-courses.

The stay-at-home factor helps out during the winter months when roads become more dangerous. They give those living many miles from campus another option besides driving to school four day per week.

E-courses can also benefit student who have unstable schedules or students who want to learn outside of the classroom environment.

Regardless of how beneficial they can be, e-courses should be optional instead of being required for certain majors. Many students will find that in order to get their desired degree, they will have to take and e-course. While e-courses can be beneficial, there are disadvantages to them.

The functions of the e-course program should be fully explained before a student is required to use the technology to determine their grade. If it is not explained, students may find themselves having problems with the software and getting frustrated to the point where they end up dropping the class.

While technology is as high-tech as it has ever been, there are still flaws. The use of an e-course depends on the use of a computer and a stable internet connection. With glitches and undependable networks, e-courses could lead to a semester of frustration. What happens if during a test, the internet connection fails or disconnects? Will the students have another opportunity to take the test or receive a zero?

A benefit of e-courses is being able to participate in class anywhere. However there are students who believe that they can achieve more in a classroom environment, and e-courses do not provide that environment.

With the personal factor eliminated, the teacher-student connection is also eliminated meaning students may go a whole semester without coming in contact with their instructor. This could lead to times where a student needs to get help or better instruction on a particular project but might not be able to reach the instructor in time.

With e-courses taking place outside of the classroom, there is no way to prove that the student is doing their own work. The outside environment makes it possible for a student to use the assistance of another source to complete homework assignments or tests. It is also possible for a student to have someone else take the test for him or her.

While e-courses are a new interactive way to learn on or off campus, they should be offered to students who want to learn in that particular way. Courses need to be offered online as well as inside of a classroom environment.

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For the record: Last week The Chronicle quoted professor Cathy Gillotti as saying, "People think that GLBTQ had a choice to be straight, and that is not true. When did straight people decide to be straight?" The quote should have been attributed to PUC Counseling Center director Kenneth Jackson. The Chronicle regrets the error.

In your words...

Each week The Chronicle presents a question and asks for responses to give a point and counterpoint opinion for next week's paper. Please limit your responses to 200 words.
Email submissions to chronicle_managing_editor@yahoo.com
This week's question: Are e-courses good for PUC academics?

Disclaimer: College may require hard work

Katie Ramsey
Entertainment Editor

Many students at PUC don't take their academic careers seriously.

I consider myself a good student. I have dropped classes I was struggling with, but I have never failed one. I am pretty good about keeping up with my workload, though at times it seems there are not enough hours in a day. I have recently overheard some conversations between fellow students that baffle me.

I overheard a phone conversation last week while standing in CLO. The girl was talking about her degree and how she had to switch her major. She was a pre-medical biology major and dropped all her future plans because she heard extracurricular activities are necessary to get into medical school.

What she changed her major to, I don't know. She would have to be pretty determined to want to excel in a major like that in the first place.

To just let it all go because it might require a little extra work is astounding.

I still hear students talking amongst themselves about assignments they neglected to do or classes they skipped.

Last semester a girl was talking to her friend in class trying to come up with an excuse for why she didn't do her history paper. She was going to tell the professor her aunt died and she didn't have time to do it because of the wake and funeral.

The most astounding excuse was a guy who was late for a test. His professor refused to let him into the classroom. This student went as far as to pick up a random pamphlet at a local funeral parlor to prove he was late because he was at a funeral for someone he didn't even know.

However genius that idea was, it's extreme. The professor refusing to let him take the exam is unnecessary, but how the student got out of it seems disrespectful to the deceased.

Students need to buckle down and take college seriously. Just because it's a regional university doesn't mean professors are going to be lax about the rules and deadlines.

Maybe students can take these genius plans and put them to good use by avoiding the easy way out and getting assignments in on time.

Have feedback? Readers can contact Katie at chronicle_entertainment@yahoo.com or (219) 989-2547.

Have fun this year with Halloween themed birthday gifts

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Choosing a birthday gift for a friend or family member can be a daunting task, but it simplifies matters greatly if their birthday falls on or near Halloween. Here's a few suggestions for choosing a Halloween themed birthday gift.

If the birthday boy or girl is planning to wear a costume this Halloween, find out what it is and help them out. This doesn't necessarily mean buying the costume for them. In fact, that isn't advisable because it deprives them of picking it out themselves. Instead, help by providing the costume's make-up or accessories. For instance, if someone is going as "Death," give the gift of a sickle.

If someone is a horror movie buff, consider treating them to a scary movie this Halloween. There is a wide variety of spine-tingling horror flicks to choose from this season. Fans of the gory "Saw" series will want to see the fifth installment. For another choice, "Splinter" promises a violent story of a carjacking followed by hideous scenes at a gas station.

When gore doesn't appeal, "Shiver" features the award-winning art direction from "Pan's Labyrinth", but with a different story. It depicts a sunlight allergenic teenager whose arrival in a remote mountain village precedes a series of brutal killings. Trailers are already running for "The Haunting of Molly Hartley". Molly's soul belongs to the devil and her eighteenth birthday promises to be far from pleasant. If nothing playing in theaters appeal to them, find a horror movie they enjoy, but don't own, and buy it for them.

This next suggestion may sound a little strange, but give it a chance – jack-o-lanterns. For those who have never carved a pumpkin before, it's an interesting and memorable experience. It demonstrates the carver's creativity, allowing for unique pictures and special messages. Then again, there's always the generic "happy birthday".

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Someone with a fascination with death will enjoy a creepy Halloween costume

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Wow the guest of honor by carving a pumpkin with a special birthday message.

If so inclined and cost permitting, consider arranging an entire Halloween themed birthday party. Many party supply stores carry everything necessary – napkins, sporks, paper plates, etc. These items should be in black and orange, the primary Halloween colors. A local bakery could supply a birthday cake or cupcakes, featuring ghosts, jack-o-lanterns, bats, black cats or many more.

The most important thing to remember is Halloween just isn't Halloween without candy. Treat them to their favorite kind. After all, candy's cheaper around Halloween, so take advantage of the specials.

Use imagination this year while trying to think of an awesome Halloween themed birthday present. The receiver will be touched that so much thought was put into it.

Hulu saves viewers from boredom

Julia Toles
Chronicle 0Correspondent

Between classes and work, many students encounter significant down time. But how should students confront this periodic boredom? Checking out Hulu.com for all favorite shows is the perfect way to chase away the boredom blues.

The Web site offers television show favorites for all ages at no charge. From cartoon lovers to those thriving on sitcoms and even movies, every coach potato will be able to find a show to suit them.

The refreshing aspect of Hulu.com is that it has specific interests geared to specific personalities. Hulu.com has differences from other video-viewing sites because of the many genres available. Anyone can type in a video search and find something that fits their personality.

"The Daily Show with John Stewart", popular episodes from shows like "Psych" and featured videos from "Saturday Night Live", "Bones" and "Til Death" are just some of the shows available with the click of a mouse. Hull.com also provides a brief synopsis of each video. Almost any imaginable network has their shows on this site.

The most popular hits are featured on the home page. This allows for quick access to get right to the show. One click and viewers get to relive favorite moments from television or watch what happened on "Gossip Girl" last week.

For most students, television shows or movies are just a ways to escape daily lives and simply live in someone else's. Calumet Falls offers television, but they're aren't many to go around. Using Hulu requires only a computer. There's plenty of those all over campus.

Hulu.com, like most sites, offers entertainment, but it does something more. It offers preferences to fit personalities. It does not just give its audience something everyone can laugh at, it gives them specific types of comedy to fit any interest.

Another bonus is that the site is safe from viruses.

Illustration provided

Hulu offers popular television shows like "Family Guy" and "The Simpsons" along with all time favorites such as old episodes of "Saturday Night Live" at the click of the mouse.

Sites like Youtube.com dominate the viewership numbers, but Hulu.com has a lot to offer. Long lost movies and last week's episodes are available at the click of a button. When it's time to find something to watch, give Hulu.com a click.

The fun begins at:
Hulu.com

Destination on a dime

An alternative to expensive Fright Fest

Stephanie Stern
Staff Writer

During October, thrill seekers flock to Six Flags Great America for Fright Fest. This spooktacular event is a great chance for people to enjoy rides and haunted houses during the Halloween season. Many from Indiana jump at the chance to go to Fright Fest because of the lack of similar entertainment in Northwest Indiana. But there is an alternative to the mega-park atmosphere at Six Flags.

Indiana Beach, located in Monticello, is an hour drive from the Region and provides buckets of amusement. Monster Beach Party runs Oct. 4 to Oct. 26 and has many choices for fun. The hotel and campgrounds are converted into haunted areas. Through the Oct. 26, guests who stay at the hotel or campground receive two free ride passes to the amusement park for every night they stay.

A huge plus is the free parking, unlike the $15 and $ 25 parking fee at Six Flags, and admission is only $2.50, while Six Flags charges $55. An all day ride pass is only $23 and, if purchased online, the admission fee is waived.

The park provides 30 rides, including six roller coasters. The newest addition this year is the Steel Hawg. This is the first major steel roller coaster constructed in Indiana and is 100 feet high and has a 120 degree drop. The park also has three traditional wooden coasters.

If roller coasters are too extreme, the park also offers games. Skee-ball, miniature golf and arcade games are just some of the options. Gallery of Ghouls is a Halloween game that gives players a chance to practice their aim as well as have some fun watching the ghouls. The park also offers a wall climbing experience.

The biggest Halloween attraction at the park is Dr. Frankenstein's haunted castle. The castle was voted the number two walk-through attraction in the world three years in a row. The house has actors in full regalia waiting to scare guests. However, the attraction is not scary enough to scar children accompanied by adults.

Fright Fest is the standard for Halloween fun, but is too pricey for many people looking for a scare. Indiana Beach offers a price break and the same great thrill-seeking roller coasters. It may be on a smaller scale, but great things sometimes come in small packages.

Chronicle photo by Katie Ramsey
Great America has plenty of ghouls creeping around ready to scare the wits out of any unsuspecting victim.

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Indiana Beach offers a coaster with a 120 degree called the Steel Hawg.

Microsoft takes on Wii

Jonathan Beller
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Over 20 million video game consoles sold, an easy interface, and the ability to have a digital projection of one self. Which console am I? Obviously the fans know the answer to this one. Nintendo. However, coming this fall, Microsoft will be complicating things.

Microsoft has a user base of "hardcore" gamers, end of story and some would say that these gamers detest the Nintendo Wii. MS will be unveiling a new dashboard that seems oddly familiar to Nintendo Wii owners. For those who do not own a Nintendo Wii, here's the crash course.

The Nintendo Wii has an interface based on Wii channels. Some of these channels consist of news channels, shop channels and a channel the allows the creation of what is known as a Mii. The Mii is a digital projection of the gamer or any other person desired. The Mii is used in games such as Wii Sports, Mario Kart, and countless others.

MS is releasing a dashboard update that will bring the same concept of channels to the Xbox 360. By the by digital projections will also come with the update. MS is calling their DP's Avatars. Like Nintendo's Miis, the Xbox 360's Avatars will be customizable and appearing in all sorts of software.

Why is MS feeling the need to copy the Wii? It all comes down to the numbers game. The Xbox 360 had a year head start over the Nintendo Wii, but finds itself lagging behind in console sales. The Wii routinely outsells the competition and it wasn't until the release of Halo 3 that MS was the number one selling console.

Everyone in the gaming world believes that the answer to the Nintendo's success is due to an expanded audience. Or in other words the "casual" players. The people are enchanted with Miis. Lastly, the motion sensitive controller had the masses intrigued and even those who do not consider themselves gamers gave it a try.

Here is what MS wishes to steal from Nintendo. The new dashboard makes things easier to the hands and eyes of casuals. At least that's what MS is hoping for. If you can't beat 'em, join 'em.

However, there is a bright side to all this piracy. MS is "borrowing" a proven interface. Also, MS has had time to tweak the technology and ideas behind it. In theory it should be better then its predecessor. All this is great for the 360 but will its user base really care? Some are up in arms, others not so much.

MS does have something special for the "core" gamers this holiday season. Netflix will be available to all gold membership Xbox Live subscribers at no extra cost. With a new strategy, a price drop, and Netflix the Xbox 360 might topple the Nintendo Wii this holiday season.

Readers get lucky with Sparks' latest novel

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Fans of Sparks, as well as new ones, will fall in love with this enchanting tale of a man trying to survive a war. A mysterious photo intrigues him and he sets out to find out who this mystery woman is.

When Nicholas Sparks writes a novel, many romantics at heart rush to the nearest bookstore to purchase a copy. Sparks' new novel, "The Lucky One," will keep those loyal readers pleased with another gem, argumentatively one of the best novels of the writer's career.

"The Lucky One" centers around the character of Logan Thibault, an ex-marine who has just completed three tours of duty in Iraq. Throughout his tumultuous tours, he discovers a picture of an unknown smiling woman, which he deems as lucky, and equates the photograph to his very survival from death in Iraq.

After completing his tours Thibault, along with his dog Zeus, set out on a long journey to Hampton, NC searching for the woman who he believes to be his lucky charm and the one person who could hold the key to his destiny.

After receiving a job in a dog training center, Thibault discovers the owners granddaughter, Elizabeth Clayton, is the mysterious smiling woman from the photograph he held on to so dearly. Feeling as though he owes Clayton in more ways than she would ever know, Thibault begins to build an innocent relationship with Elizabeth which slowly becomes much deeper.

Sparks strays slightly outside of his normal realm of story writing by introducing a recognizable villain for the first time with the character of Keith Clayton, the ex-husband of Elizabeth, who is blatantly mean-spirited; the perfect character to keep the reader even more emotionally invested in the story.

Throughout the novel, Sparks tells the story of "The Lucky One" through three perspectives; a technique making the book impossible to understand without it. Each of the three perspectives allow the characters to develop in a meaningful and interesting way, which helps the reader relate to them on a more personal level. The storyline stays true to itself by developing a smart plot and characters, and keeps everything interesting by adding twists that keep the readers on their toes, leading to a surprising climax.

The illusive object of luck centers around this endearing love story, almost forcing the readers to contemplate just how luck has played a part in their own lives and stories, and whether or not "lucky charms" really do exist.

If mushy, romantic books never struck a chord before, and novels by Sparks never seemed interesting enough to check out, cast aside all previous opinions and check out this story because a person will not know if it will end up being the lucky one for some unsuspecting reader.

Dogs have an opportunity to connect

Myspace for dogs allows pet owners to bond

Julia Tolls
Correspondent

From dressing up their cat to taking their dog on a social outing to meet other neighborhood dogs, pet owners' lives often revolve around their animals. Animal lovers can now take their pet-obsessive nature to the 21st Century with a social networking site that connects dogs to one another.

Mydogspace.com offers a variety of ways for pet owners to show off their pooches. There are galleries, fun pages and blogs for dog owners to read.

The site is a Myspace.com for dogs. Obviously it's not the dogs doing the actual networking. Dog owners can go online and blog about specific activities their dogs enjoy. There are profile pictures of dogs to show who is online.

And the site offers many games to play. If a dog wins he gets treats.

The site is a great place for the family dog to meet friends, through the owner of course. Owners can join the site and meet other dog owners. They can also set up play dates for dogs. But really the site gives the owner and their dog some bonding time.

The gallery shows pictures of dogs of every breed and what type of events they are participating in. Pictures are put on the site to show the dog's regular activities. For the dogs that have yet to win any games and do not have treats, there are pictures posted to exemplify their sad expressions.

The site even has some seasonal themes. There is a costume contests for Halloween. Pictures put up from previous contestants show winning contestants. Prizes include a year's worth of dog food and $2,000 worth of training.

The different tricks and costumes help build a true relationship between owners and their dogs. There are many ways to have fun with dogs, apart from the traditional walking and playing Frisbee in the park. This gives dog lovers a chance to get a leg up on appreciating their beloved pet. Let's just hope that's the only leg lifting going on.

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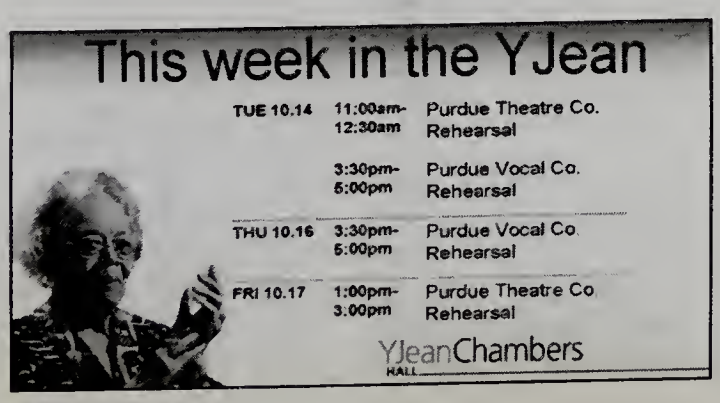
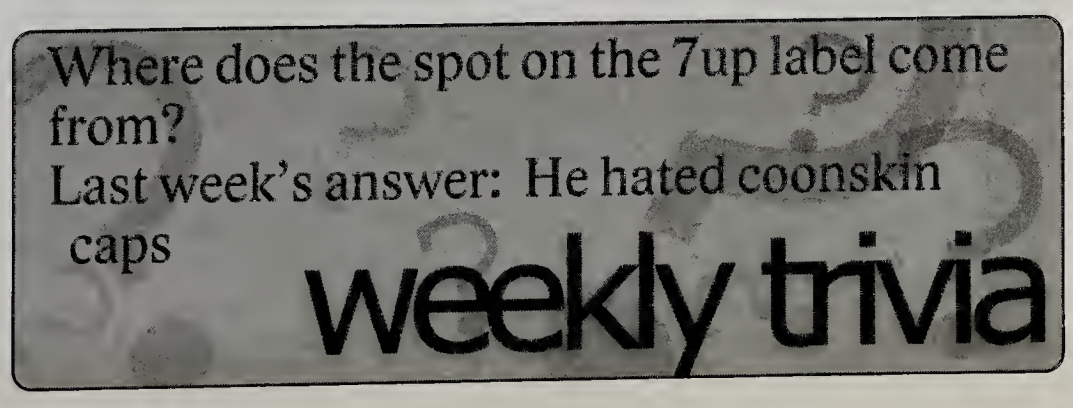
Mydogspace.com allows the dog owner to upload photos of their beloved pet and share them with other enthusiasts around the world..





Police Blotter

10.02.08 – Parking Garage – 7:30 p.m.

Leaving the Scene of an Accident - The victim advised that an unknown subject struck his vehicle while parked in the parking garage. The investigating officer reviewed the tapes during that evening and observed the accident on the tape. The investigating officer tracked down the vehicle and made contact with the owner. The owner admitted to the hit and run and has made financial arrangements to repair the damages to the victim's vechieles

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10.07.08 – 2410 169th– 7:00 am

Criminal Mischief - During patrol, an officer located spray paint on the wall near the dumpster of the Whiting Clinic. Grounds department painted over the graffiti.

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10.08.08 – Lawshe – 3:12 p.m.

Mental Subject - Officers were dispatched to Lawshe to check on a female that was having emotional problems. Her therapist was contacted, he advised that the subject was not a threat to herself or others and they would continue their therapy.

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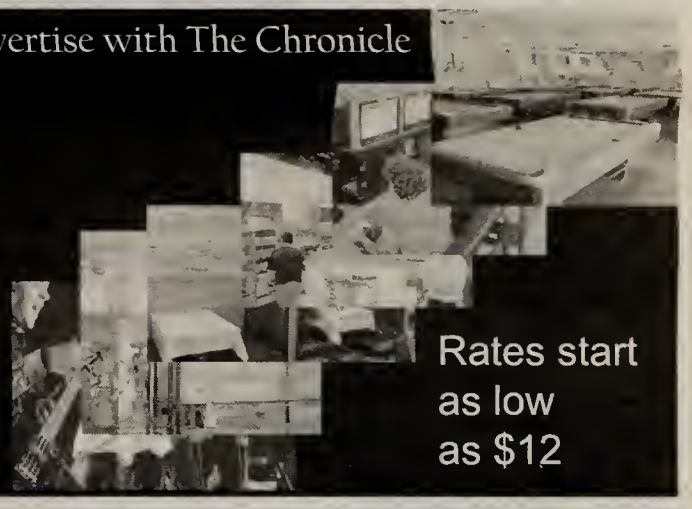

Governors and States

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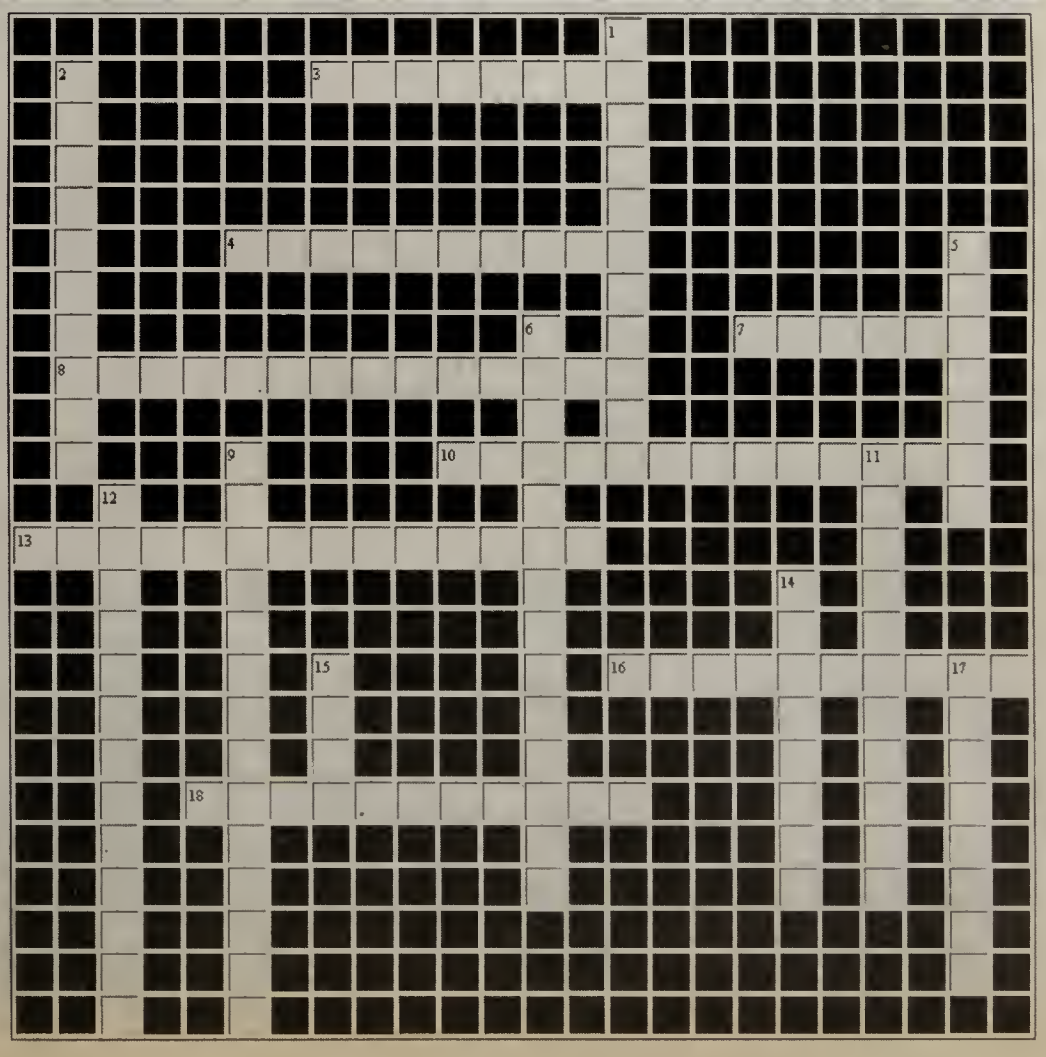
4 He has been the Governor of Illionis since 2003.
6 When Jesse Ventura decided not to run for re-election, Tim Pawlenty became the governor for this state.7
8 This man preceded Jim Douglas as the governor of Vermont . "BYAH!"
11Mike Huckabee preceded Michael Dale Beebe as the governor of this state.
12 Brian Schweitzer, the governor of this state, has one of the highest approval ratings in the nation at about 70%
13 Before being the current governor of Massachusetts, he was the assistant attorney general under President Bill Clinton
15 This current governor of Nevada is a former member of the House of Representatives
16 She is the current governor of Alaska, who is currently running for Vice President.
17 This governor of Hawaii is the state's first Jewish governor.

Down

1 Jon Corzine is the governor of this state (two words).
3 This Governor of New Mexico ran in the 2008 primaries for President of the United State of America
5 Once George W. Bush became the President, this man took place as the Governor of Texas.
6 Canadian-born Jennifer Granholm is currently the governor of this state.
9 He's the Governor of Indiana and he wants to be "your man."
10 He is the first black governor of New York and is legally blind
14 This governor of Louisiana , is the first elected governor of Indian ethnicity.



A look at the state of football

Odie Gray
Staff Writer

The Purdue Boilermakers are off to a shaky start losing their last three games and making it hard for themselves to make some noise in the Big Ten. The major concern for this team is the play of the defense who, last week let Ohio State score 10 points in the first quarter as they went on to lose, 16-13.

Their season so far is sub-par to say the least. The Hoosiers lost their last four games and depend on a running game that has yet to get established going into mid-season. Their starters on the offensive side of the ball are junior Kellen Lewis at quarterback who has contributed only four passing touchdowns thus far. Lewis has 51 carries and 375 yards on the season.

The Notre Dame Fighting Irish, who just came off a tough loss to North Carolina, is definitely starting to show signs of improvement. The team is accumulating over 350 total yards of offense per game and the defense has been a strong point thanks to the stellar play of the secondary and linebackers locking down their opponent's receivers.

The Ball State Cardinals have yet to lose after week seven because of the efficient play of their junior quarterback, Nate Davis, who has a quarterback rating of 164.6 and has already thrown for over 1,500 yards. At the running back positions, Ball State has a duo of power and finesse runners with junior MiQuale Lewis and freshmen Cory Sykes. This team is putting up breakout numbers with 472 total yards a game and a scoring margin of 22.

Chicago baseball in review

Marvin Elroy Jackson III
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The 2008 MLB season has come and gone, and while the Cubs faithful might be waiting until next year, some memories will last forever.

2008 marked the first time in over a century both Chicago teams made a postseason appearance. The Model T wasn't even invented last time both Chicago teams were in the playoffs, (the Model T was invented in 1908, White Sox beat the Cubs in the 1906 World Series).

The 2008 White Sox were over-achievers all year long. After finishing the 2007 season 18 games under .500, experts predicted them to finish 3rd or 4th in the American League Central, but the Southside Hitmen would have none of it. Being atop the A.L. Central 148 days out of the season, the White Sox would win 88 games to force a one-game playoff against the Minnesota Twins for sole possession of the division championship.

The Sox did not disappoint the "blackout" crowd at U.S. Cellular Field, beating the Twins 1-0. Jim Thome hit a solo home run and Ken Griffin Jr. threw out a potential run at the plate.

In 2008, it was the 136th season of Chicago Cubs' baseball, and the first time since 1908 they made consecutive postseason appearances.

The 2008 Cubs also tied a National League record with 8 All-Star selections: Geovany Soto, who became the first rookie catcher to start an All-Star game, Aramis Ramirez, Kerry Wood, who was replaced by Carlos Marmol, Ryan Dempster, Carlos Zambrano, Japanese import Kosuke Fukudome and Alfonso Soriano, was unable to play due to injury.

A survery asked random people: Do fans believe the Cubs would ever win a World Series? Do they believe in the curse? What must be done to take their team to the next level? What was their favorite baseball moment of this season?

61% did not consider this year a failure. 87% of the people polled believed the Cubs as cursed.

Brian "Zippy" Rzepniki of Lansing Ill. said, "I was 50/50 on the curse back in 2003, but after this season I am pretty sure there's some type of curse going on out there. The most random, crazy, unheard of stuff that didn't happen all season happens to the Cubs when they get to the end of the season or in the postseason."

Comcast Sports

Another year, another loss for Chicago fans.

100% of Cubs fans believed in the curse. 50% of Sox fans hoped to see a World Series win for the Cubs. Even the most hardcore Cubs-hater took a sympathetic approach.

When asked about their number one baseball memory, roughly three quarters of fans listed Chicago moments.

Jeff Galia was glad to see both Chicago teams in the postseason,

St. Josephs pitcher Shane Zegarac picked Zambrano's no-hit performance. The no-hitter marked the first in a neutral stadium after Hurricane Ike forced the game to be played in Milwaukee's Miller Park. Of the other 25% sampled, most cited the last season of hollowed Yankee Stadium, site of the 2008 All-Star game.

Travis Bushnell, DePaul alum, was asked to compare U. S. Cellular and Yankee Stadium. "Yankee Stadium...was old, and smells like pee. The seats are small, but had a lot of history. I was out in left center field, taking pictures of Monument Park. And beers were $9."

White Sox faithful were in agreement the club needs to get younger, add more speed to the lineup, and strengthen the bullpen: The same formula of the 2005 White Sox seeming like a team of destiny.

Cubs fans, on the other hand, agreed changes need to be made, but opinions differed on who to keep and who to trade.

Some calling for a trade of Carlos Zambrano, a hard-throwing right-handed pitcher who at times struggled to keep his cool. Some would release streak hitter Alfonso Soriano; who has not produced in the playoffs since his rookie season with the Yankees in 2001, a time when he played second base.

Mike Ratkovich said Fukudome should be released and Mark Derosa play right field.

Fukudome was an early favorite to win the National League Rookie of the year, but hit a wall during the season batting .193 in the month of August and went 1 for 10 in the series with the Los Angeles Dodgers.

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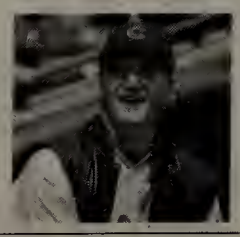
Quote of the week

"Being a Cub fans shows you how to live life. You don't win all the time. It's a struggle all the time. You're not here to win championships, but if you win one it will be wonderful."



Bill Murray, the long-time Cubs fan, recently on the David Letterman show

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Swattin' some birdies

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Yong Piao, a graduate student in electronic computer engineering, plays open play intramural badminton Tuesday.

PUC Intramural Schedule:

Monday, Oct. 13 Baking Contest Judging starts at 4 p.m.	Monday, Oct. 13 four-on-four Flag Football 7:00 p.m. Location: PUC Gym	Tuesday, Oct. 14 Frisbee Golf (Frolf) 6:30 p.m. Location: Knicker-bocker Park (2 blocks west of cam-pus on 173rd St.)	Tuesday, Oct. 14 Open Play Badminton 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Location: PUC Gym	Thursday, Oct. 16 Co-ed Volleyball 7:15 p.m. Location: PUC Gym

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NATIONAL LAMPOON SPORTS MINUTE

Barry Bonds made a rare public appearance in San Francisco recently and said he is enjoying life away from baseball. That's quite a coincidence, since baseball is really enjoying life away from Barry Bonds.

A judge has moved Travis Henry's cocaine-trafficking trial to Montana. It's believed to be the first time the words 'Montana' and 'traffic' have been used in the same sentence.

The Cleveland Cavaliers have released center Lance Allred, the first legally deaf player in the NBA. Allred will probably be the last to hear the news.

Michael Phelps was formally welcomed home to Baltimore with a massive parade. The procession was scheduled to last three hours but Phelps finished it in just 1 minute and 37 seconds.

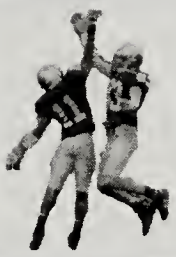
Alex Rodriguez was recently spotted going into Madonna's Central Park West highrise. It's nice to hear that at least one Yankee is still active in October. Though it's A-Rod in October, so he probably struck out.

Stephon Marbury has said that he would be happy to come off the bench. It's a surprising declaration considering while there, he'd have to watch the Knicks play.

C.C. Sabathia said he may stay in Milwaukee next year. Because he wants to feel skinny.

Mets manager Jerry Manuel said he and the team will have to evaluate where they failed. And once they have the solution in the bag, he'll get the bullpen to screw it up.

Written by Steve Hofstetter, Keith Alberstadt, Adam Hofstetter, Cody Marley, Ryan Murphy, Elliot Steingart, and Chris Strait



Ryan Metz's

Weekly High Five

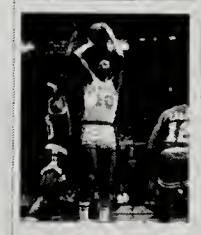
Greatest performances by injured athletes

1 Michael Jordan at Utah (Game 5, 1997 NBA Finals)

A wincing Jordan – suffered food poising supposedly from a bad hotel hamburger – labored around the court between breaks in the action and still managed to pour in 38 points, seven rebounds, five assists and three steals in the win.

2 Tiger Woods at Torrey Pines (2008 U.S. Open)

After flummoxing Rocco Mediate through 19 extra holes of play at Torrey Pines to win the championship, despite an excruciating knee injury which included a torn ACL in his left knee that needed surgery and a double stress fracture in his tibia.



3 Willis Reed at MSG (Game 7, 1970 NBA Finals)

A torn thigh muscle wouldn't stop Reed from limping back onto the court of Game 7 of the 1970 NBA Finals. The comeback lifted the Knicks up and helped them go on to win the series.

4 Byron Leftwich (Marshall vs. Akron, 2002)

His college linemen at Marshall carried the hefty Leftwich to the line after every play after he fractured his shin. The Herd came back from 17 points and went on to win the game against Akron in 2002.

5 Kerry Strug (1996 Olympics)

The 18-year-old won over American's hearts as she landed a vault performance on a bum ankle which led the U.S. to the eventual gold medal in 1996. Strug became a national sports hero for her courageous finish, visiting President Bill Clinton and appearing on a Wheaties cereal box with other team members.

Blending sports and politics

Ryan Metz
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With a financial meltdown and a possible fight with nuclear weapons on their hands, one would think the incoming president wouldn't give too much thought on what's important in the world of sports.

On Oct. 2, Democratic presidential nominee Barack Obama visited "Mike and Mike in the Morning" on ESPN Radio and spoke on thoughts of how much government should be involved with sports and shared how important sports are in the American culture.

Being a Chicago White Sox fan, Obama was asked about the chances of his White Sox against the Tampa Bay Rays in their playoff series.

"Let me ask you a question," Obama said. "Why do you have a dome in Tampa? I'm going to pass a law, unless you're in Minnesota or Wisconsin you're not allowed to have a dome."

Right on. That eyesore in Tampa Bay they call a ballpark is a joke. Sports is meant to be played outside and passing a law for domes to be banished in states besides Minnesota or Wisconsin should be just as important as let's say...freedom of speech.

Obama added, "I would have my Attorney General investigate the possibility of instituting a college football playoff system through executive order, because I'm tired of this nonsense at the end of every college football season."

Amen. Another brilliant idea. An eight-team playoff in college football could arguably be the most spectacular sporting event of the year.

With all those ideas already on the table, I thought it would only be right to make Obama, if elected, implement these rules as well:

• Banish the use of bad music at sporting events. If I have to hear another track off "Jock Jams" I'm going to punch someone in the nose. "Whoop! There It Is" was never a good song and just by playing it in a packed arena doesn't make it any better.

• Kick the unoriginal heckler out of all stadiums. I once heard this gem at a game, "Hey man, you play like a girl!" Clever, I wonder how long he thought of that one. If you're going to boo or heckle at a game, you have to bring it with a little more wallop.

• With a reeling Kimbo Slice, after a beatdown in his last match, I've come up with a perfect oponnent in a made-for-TV extravaganza: Ryan Seacrest. Seacrest, knocked out.

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Purple Parrots get a W

Chronicle photo by Morgan Walker

John Benson, a junior accounting major, spikes the ball during intramural volleyball Thursday at the REC Center.

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This week's action in intramural volleyball saw some dominant displays on the court.

The Purple Parrots got their first points in the win column when they took on the Eurostars.

In a best-out-of-three format, Purple Parrots jumped out front against the Eurostars. Eurostars, never able to stop the scoring prowess of the Purple Parrots, found themselves in a big hole early. With the final point scored in the first set, Purple Parrots won 21-10.

In the second set, Eurostars put up more of a fight staying within five points until near the end. But Purple Parrots eventually pulled away and took the match in two straight sets.

A third set was played but didn't count since the outcome had already been decided in two.

"It feels great getting our first win," Ian Hernandez, a freshman majoring in visual communication, of the Purple Parrots said.

Teammate John Benson agreed. "We're feeling great. We have good confidence and a good out- look going into next week's play," the junior accounting major said.

The Purple Parrots were dressed in their trademark shirts – purple with a yellow parrot in the middle. The Purple Parrots got the idea for the team name and shirts from the kid's television show on Nickelodeon "Legends of the Hidden Temple" – in reference to a team on the show that never won.

Unlike first-time winners Purple Parrots, Hawaiian Punch's punch barely won the court.

Hawaiian Punch's match against Sloppy Sets was highly contested with neither team able to get much of an upper-hand.

Both teams in the stayed even for about half of the first set. Then Sloppy Sets got a small lead and carried it to the end with the score being 21-18.

The second set saw Hawaiian Punch pull away early and never look back, with an ending score of 21-13. This forced a tie-breaking third set between two seemingly even teams.

The third set was a nail-biter throughout, both teams matching each other in the points column. Hawaiian Punch took the set and match with a final score of 21-19.

Week #4 (Oct. 9th)
PUC Spikers 21-6,21-4,21-7 vs. Sisters
Bump,Set !?! 21-12,16-21,21-17 vs. BA's
New Flave 12-21,21-19,21-10 vs. The Vets
Spiked Punch 21-10,21-14,21-18 vs. Big Dogs
Hawaiian Punch 18-21,21-13,21-19 vs. Sloppy Sets
Purple Parrots 21-10,21-12,21-11 vs. Eurostars
Chi-City V-Stars 21-10,21-18,21-9 vs. Dig tHis

Heisman watch

Sam Bradford
Oklahoma QB

2008 season stats:
Passing: 2,052 YDS | 23 TD
5 INT | 72.4 CMP%

Bradford's line in the loss to Texas was jaw-dropping: 387 yards passing, the most ever by a Sooners QB in this rivalry, and five touchdowns, tying a school record and a career high.

Chase Daniel
Missouri QB

2008 season stats:
Passing: 2,055 YDS | 16 TD
4 INT | 75.7 CMP%
Rushing: 120 YDS

Daniel's Tigers got upset at the hands of Oklahoma State Saturday in large part due to Daniel's costly three interceptions. He still managed to toss for 390 yards and one TDs.

Colt McCoy
Texas QB

2008 season stats:
Passing: 1,557 YDS | 17 TD
3 INT | 79.3 CMP%
Rushing: 348 YDS | 4 TD

Colt McCoy and his Longhorns handed the No. 1 Oklahoma Sooners a loss in the Cotton Bowl Saturday and it will garner McCoy even more attention.

Javon Ringer
Michigan State RB

2008 season stats:
Rush: 1,112 YDS | 14 TD
Receiving: 9 REC | 76 YDS

Despite the core of the Heisman hopefuls being out of the Big 12 Conference, this running back from the Big Ten has been solid all season and will have to be be huge Saturday against Ohio State.

Tim Tebow
Florida QB

2008 season stats:
Passing: 1,235 YDS | 10 TD
1 INT | 62.4 CMP%
Rushing: 179 YDS | 3 TD

Tebow's stats aren't nearly as impressive as last year, but the Gators big win Saturday against LSU should rev the hype back up.

--Ryan Metz